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4. Comments

This report deals with our work towards the Task 2 deliverable of this contract. The objective of this task is to "codify appropriate representation for selected narrative texts".

4.1. Current Work

Work was begun on the design of a new representation of for the narrative texts from CASREPS. A report was generated that describes the problems with the old representation and also vaguely describes a new representation. The representation is not yet complete and work will continue into the next quarter in developing it and then encoding it on the Symbolics, probably using KEE. The report submitted to the COTR is attached to this quarterly report.

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1. Knowledge Representation of Natural Language Text

The purpose of the TERSE project has been to develop a natural language system that can perform the function of *highlighting* important information in Navy CASREPs. This task involves research in many different areas, all of which are dependent on one another. The most central issue in designing this system is knowledge representation. This issue is central because the design of other portions of the system will be effected by the choice of knowledge representation. For example, the system which analyzes the raw natural language text must be designed in such a way that it can transform its input into this knowledge representation. The application component is also tightly coupled with the representation because it looks for information contained in it and make inferences from that information.

A knowledge representation can have a great effect on the ease with which the system can be defined and maintained. A knowledge representation is not just the set of datastructures designed to hold knowledge for an application. Barr and Feigenbaum define a knowledge representation in ¹ as "a combination of data structures and interpretive procedures that, if used in the right way in a program, will lead to *knowledgeable* behavior". It is important that the representation exhibit the ability to capture this heterogeneous information in such a way that makes it easy to handle and understand for the human designers because in large representation systems, things can quickly get unmanageable.

It is not our goal to represent *everything* that a human expert who would read these messages might understand. It has been our effort to only capture the meaning of the text at a level that facilitates our particular application. *keywords, Text, ...*

1.1. Level of Representation Being Targeted

Natural language text can be represented at several different levels. There is the discourse level which reflects how each assertion contained in the discourse is related to another. The discourse level can be divided into several different levels each of which model different ways that assertions can be connected. Examples of different types of discourse relations are : temporal sequencing, thematic progression², and contextual implicature³. These discourse relations are not characteristic to individual sentences. They are usually intersentential by nature, although some mechanisms for providing this discourse level information can be found at the sentential level as well. Mechanisms capable of interpreting this level of discourse are necessary in any system capable of "understanding" natural language.

A more primitive level of natural language structure is the *assertional level*. At this level, actors and objects are related to some event, action, or state. Assertions can be found in nominalized verbs, adjectives, entire sentences or clauses. Assertions have the property of predicating something about the actors and objects related by the assertion. We will call the element which is indicative of an event, state, or action, the *predicate*. The actors and objects that are associated with the predicate are called its arguments. This paper focuses on the level of discourse at which assertions are made.



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1.2. Knowledge Required for the Assertional Level

In the representation of predicates, it necessary to enumerate all the arguments that are central to the semantic definition of that predicate. It is also necessary to include information that tells us from what field of objects in the domain (from what semantic class) each argument can come. An equally important type of information is the semantic role information. This information is the equivalent to the "procedure" element of the equation "knowledge representation = structure + procedure". The procedures making up the semantic role information are what enable the application portion a system to "know" what it knows about the "meaning" of that particular predicate.

There are some general purpose semantic roles that are considered universally interesting. For example, roles dealing with such concepts as intentionality, causality, and instrumentality would be useful to almost any application program. It is interesting to have a concept of event-initiators, entities changed because of the event, entities used to effect the event and other concepts needed for the particular application. These concepts represent the rudiments of understanding. More detailed concepts can be incorporated in an appropriate manner as dictated by the requirements of the application.

2. The CASREP Implementation

In the Summary project, we have adopted an approach called **Information Formatting**. The initial concept that was conceived by Zellig Harris during the late 50's⁴. He developed a method called **distributional analysis** for deriving equivalence classes from natural language discourses. The classes that were derived were referred to as **semantic categories**. Harris performed this work in an effort to seek "... some global structure characterizing the whole discourse, or large sections of it". Some of the structure that he was seeking was found in patterns of these semantic categories. These patterns were found to vary from one subset of language to another. These subsets of language were named **sublanguages**. Harris believed that through characterizing the structure of a sublanguage, some degree of semantics from that sublanguage would be discovered.

Theoretically, distributional analysis does not make use of any domain specific knowledge to discover these classes of words. The constituents are classified entirely on their syntactic characteristics and their surrounding environment. This approach gave Harris a methodical way of describing characteristics of narrow domains of discourse that had never been described (at least in this manner) before.

During the 70's, Harris' work was expanded on by Naomi Sager⁵ at NYU. She concentrated much of her effort on discovering and employing these "textual regularities" that are characteristic of sublanguages. She developed a process called **information formatting** in which texts were mapped from their raw form into tables. Each of the semantic categories developed for the particular sublanguage is a column in the table. Each line of the table is called a single **format**, except for special lines that perform the function of connecting two lines of the table. These lines are called **connectives**. They introduce a tree-like structure that takes only two arguments. The arguments can either be a single line format or another connective. One of the most important aspects of this work is that the process of mapping natural language text into these formatted tables could be performed by a computer program.

2.1. Characteristics of the Message Domain

The CASREP message domain constitutes a complicated sublanguage. CASREPs range in complexity from simple to complex, and from almost entirely grammatically correct to ill-formed.

TestA 1

Starting air regulating valve failed. Unable to consistently start NR 1B gas turbine. Valve parts excessively corroded.

TestB 7

SAC had local monitoring capability for lube oil pressure only, due to the recent failure of the sac lube oil pressure transducer. Prior to engagement it was reported that SAC LO pressure dropped to zero. No metallic particles in LO filters. Borescope investigation revealed a broken tooth on the hub ring gear. It is likely the LO pump has sheared. The LO pressure and alarm capability is a necessity for operation.

SITREP 002: Drive shaft for SAC was manufactured locally. S/F re-installed old SAC utilizing new drive shaft. On testing of SAC lube oil pressure could not be adjusted above 35 PSIG. Replacement SAC will be required. The original drive shaft, when installed, was packed utilizing 60 grams of grease, when removed, on failure of SAC, the drive shaft was dry and showed signs of extensive heat stress.

CASREPs can contain a great amount of discussion concerning the actions of the participants in discovering and attempting to correct the equipment failure. The previous two messages are from the SAC CASREP message set. It is apparent from the second message that this "sublanguage" is not that constrained.

2.2. The CASREP Information Formats

An initial set of semantic categories and semantic patterns was developed in the early stages of this project. After some work was begun on the application end of the Summary system, it was determined that the representation was lacking in its ability to accurately and consistently represent information contained in the texts. This problem was addressed in several different ways. First, several new semantic categories were added. The display below shows the original categories and the categories which were added are shown below.

semantic categories	example members
ADMIN	<i>forward, report, expedite</i>
FUNC	<i>rotate, operate, engagement</i>
INVEST	<i>check, isolate, troubleshooting</i>
MSG	<i>CASREP, message</i>
ORG	<i>ship, CCS, technician</i>
PART	<i>sac, shaft, gear</i>
PROCURE	<i>deliver, purchase, reorder</i>
PROCESS	<i>manufacture</i>
PROP	<i>clearance, pressure, capability</i>
REPAIR	<i>repair, adjust, overhaul</i>
STASK	<i>arrival, assignment, transit</i>
STATUS	<i>fail, malfunction, loss</i>

new semantic categories	example members
ALARM	<i>alarm</i>
AREA	<i>internal, tip</i>
PARTLOC	<i>come</i>
PIECE	<i>particle, chunk, material</i>
REQUIRE	<i>require</i>
SUBSTANCE	<i>metal</i>

In the revision, connectives were broken down into several different subclasses of connectives. In the original implementation all connectives were classified under a single heading of CONN. The following display shows the new subheadings of CONN.

new connectives

CONJOINED, TIME-CONJ, RELATION, SUB-CONJ,
EMBEDDED, REL-CLAUSE.

In the original implementation, a semantic category could be modified by several different types of modifiers as shown below.

old category modifiers

TIME, LOC, QUANT, EFFORT(man-hours), NEG, MODAL

In the revision, the EFFORT modifier was dropped as there were no occurrences of its use in the equipment failure messages. The TIME modifier was removed from the category level and a block of TIME modifiers was added to modify a format as a whole. This is more appropriate since formats should be assertional elements and time information is more appropriately attached to an assertion than to a single word. The following display shows all the fields of the TIME block record which modifies an entire format.

TIME modifier block

TIME

verbtense
change
beg
end

EVENT-TIME

TIME-PREP1

prep
time-unit
reference-point

TIME-PREP2

prep
time-unit
reference-point

2.3. The CASREP Semantic Patterns

Eight semantic patterns were initially developed for a set of CASREP messages. Six of these patterns are shown below. The two that are not shown were specific to the *electronic equipment* messages and not applicable to the *starting air compressor* messages.

Pattern Number	Pattern Name	Pattern
1	General Administration	<i>ORG PART (ADMIN PROCURE)</i>
2	Repair	<i>ORG PART STATUS REPAIR</i>
3	Investigation	<i>ORG PART STATUS INVEST</i>
4	Part State	<i>PART FUNC PROP STATUS</i>
5	Assistance	<i>ORG ASSIST</i>
6	Ship Task	<i>ORG STASK</i>

Pattern number one contains a parenthesized element that indicates that either an ADMIN word or a PROCURE word co-occurs with the other pattern elements. Both will not be present at once. This suggests that there are two different patterns: one in which PROCURE occurs and one in which ADMIN occurs. The entry that contains two parenthesized elements indicates that the pattern comes in two flavors where one of the two elements is present. The bold-print items are required to identify the pattern. It is generally the case that all the items in a single pattern can be present at one time in an assertion of that type.

3. Problems with the Current Approach

3.1. Missing Semantic Patterns and Unformatted Information

In the design of information formats for the CASREP messages, there has been a digression from the idea that there exist patterns for every type of information in the sublanguage. Our CASREP patterns cover only the portion of patterns which represent *simple* assertions where the assertion does not contain more than one item of the same semantic category. All other patterns which represent assertions with more than one item classified under a single semantic category and assertions that take other assertions as arguments, have not been described and are missing from our master list of patterns for this sublanguage. Consider the following example from the CASREP domain:

Drive shaft sheared all internal gear teeth from drive adapter hub

LINE#	CONNECTIVE	PART	AREA
	RELATION		
1	<i>shear</i>		
2		<i>drive shaft</i>	
3		<i>gear teeth</i>	<i>internal</i>

No pattern developed in this implementation can accommodate two PART entries. In the CASREP implementation, the verb *shear* was treated as a connective and its two PART arguments were put into separate formats. This treatment of the problem introduced another problem because it yielded formats (for each of the arguments) that were non-assertional.

Actually, there are no patterns to handle any connectives. Therefore, any time we have been forced to use a connective (as in the previous and following examples), there has been no pattern to describe that information. The following example shows how predicates that take other predicates as arguments were handled. Basically, the high-level predicate was treated as a connective. The arguments to that connective were then mapped into separate formats. Because the arguments were other predicates and thus assertional themselves, no problem of non-assertional formats was created in handling this particular situation in this way, but still there was no pattern to describe this occurrence in the sublanguage.

Reduced capability of NR4 SAC restricts ships operation.

LINE#	CONNECTIVE	FUNC	PROP	STATUS	PART
	RELATION				
1	<i>restrict</i>				
2			<i>capability</i>	<i>reduced</i>	<i>sac</i>
3		<i>operation</i>			

From these examples, other implementation-related problems can be seen. In the first example, the prepositional phrase *from drive adapter hub* was not formatted at all. In the second example, the word *ships* was not formatted. A significant amount of information from the original text may not be formatted. This is especially true of prepositional phrases. While it is important for a knowledge representation to suppress irrelevant detail, the information which was omitted was often important information used in understanding what was written in the message.

3.2. Inherent Problems with the Current Approach

Although several of the problems mentioned above are related to oversights in the implementation of the CASREP information formats, the most central problem is related to a particular type of information that is not provided through distributional analysis. However, recognizing the need for this missing information requires a shift in the theoretical perspective imposed in the LSP system. In our discussion of this problem, the reader will recognize the markings of a theory of linguistics called **case frame theory**. The theory of linguistics employed by the LSP system (**immediate constituent analysis**) and case frame theory are rather diverse theories. **Immediate constituent theory** analyzes natural language in terms of constituency relationships. **Case frame theory** looks at natural language constituents in terms of their *functionality*. It is this concept of functionality that has not been included in the current CASREP implementation.

3.3. What Does Distributional Analysis Give You?

To perform distributional analysis on a sample discourse, a set of transformations must be performed where sentences and nominals are normalized into Subject-Verb-Object forms. These transformations and others are described in Harris⁴. Once the sample is completely normalized, a procedure that is also outlined in Harris' paper is applied where equivalence classes of constituents are generated.

The semantic classes that are generated *may* not be as semantically appealing as one might hope. It is possible to find classes of nouns, for example, that seem to have in common only their syntactic position in the test data. One phenomenon that can account for this is the transformation of different deep level cases into the same syntactic position. For example, in each of the following sentences with the same verb, the surface syntactic subject is a different deep structure argument to the verb.

Mary cut the cake.
The knife cut the cake.
The cake cut easily.

This is potentially a problem with using the results of distributional analysis "as is". One must be careful that an occurrence of this type does not cause confusion in the generated noun classes. However, if enough different uses of the nouns involved in this kind of ambiguity can be found in the data, there *may* exist justification for separating them from the same class. It is also not likely that this kind of variability in subject-fronting will be present in a narrow sublanguage although it does occur to a small degree in the CASREPs.

Sac engaged.
We engaged the sac.

example

This potential problem arises because the normalized form from which all the analysis is performed is not equivalent to a *semantic normal form*. The set of

transformations described by Harris do not take into account these deep structure arguments and therefore the "normalized" SVO structures can still reflect variability in syntactic structure.[1]

Semantic patterns are groups of semantic categories that occur in some regularity in a sublanguage. Because of the above-mentioned problem with semantic categories, care must be taken when looking at the "semantic patterns" which arise in a sublanguage. That is, when one decides that certain sample sentences exhibit the same pattern, the possibility of differing semantic roles in the same syntactic position must be considered.

3.4. What Distributional Analysis Does Not Give You

Semantic patterns found through the process of distributional analysis, do not include the **semantic role** information that describes the *function* of its basic elements. The best that can be hoped for, is that the analysis can provide you with skeletal structures that have unnamed slots but have semantic restrictions on what can be filled into those slots. The semantic restrictions on the slots are provided by the semantic class information. The number of slots that are contained in the semantic pattern corresponds to the number of arguments that are found to occur with the predicate in the sublanguage. Therefore, distributional analysis yielding semantic patterns gives us the term "structure" in the equation "knowledge representation = structure + procedures". The **semantic role** part of the equation represented by the "procedure" term is not provided by this analysis.

[1] Harris does mention that cases will arise where the classes that are justified distributionally, will not jive semantically and that the person performing the distributional analysis can break a class up to give it a more palatable semantic flavor.

4. An Enhanced Representation

In the following sections, an enhanced representation will be discussed. The enhancements being proposed would provide: a more complete specification of the patterns in the sublanguage, a consistent way of handling nested assertional arguments, an explicit identification of predicated elements, and the possibility of being able to combine some semantic and syntactic information in a uniform way.

4.1. A Predicate Oriented Representation

In the enhanced representation we will need to represent the predicates as a unified units that contains the following information or is easily integrated with other knowledge sources containing the following information. In these units we need 1) semantic type information for predicate arguments 2) semantic role information to describe the relationship of the argument to the predicate and 3) a way to identify the actual predicate from its arguments. It should be noted that if we accomplished only number 1, we would essentially have semantic patterns. But as pointed out earlier, semantic role information is essential and making the predicate central and distinguished is an important point because it makes other aspects of the understanding process easier to deal with. We envision the implementation of this knowledge representation in frame-like⁶ units with slots and even possibly with procedures attached to the units and/or the slots. The typical inheritance behavior of a frame system is also assumed.

4.1.1. Semantic Role Information Revisited

In our discussion on Information Formatting and Distributional Analysis, it was shown that this *semantic role* information is what was lacking in our representation. We stated that this information is critical to a knowledge representation and, distributional analysis did not provide that information. As far as we know, there exists no automatable procedure to derive this *semantic role* information. However, we can use distributional analysis to help isolate the arguments to a predicate. But from that point on, we must resort to using our own knowledge even though we do not understand that knowledge about the meaning of the predicate and also our knowledge about the requirements of the application.

To obtain this semantic role information, we take a look at the arguments that distributional analysis has highlighted. With the ultimate application in mind, we decide what knowledge sources would make use of that particular argument. At this point, we have roughly assigned an interpretation to that argument. We assign some name that is descriptive of that relationship to the slot. This is just a tool to help us remember what interpretation we wanted to use. It is the implementation of the knowledge sources which interpret this particular argument that really embody the *nature* of the role we have assigned to that argument.

4.1.2. Primitive Predicates

After going through the process of determining the role for each predicate argument for every predicate in the domain, it is possible that some predicates will appear to be synonymous to other predicates. This synonymy may be exhibited by a) two or more predicates having the same number of arguments and b) the knowledge sources which define the relationships of the arguments to the predicates being identical. It may not be

the case that the predicates forming such a set would be considered synonymous in all other situations or applications, but since all knowledge sources were created with respect to the goals of a particular the application, it is possible that for some applications it is not necessary to differentiate the nuances in meaning between some predicates.

These synonymous predicates form sets of predicates that can be described by a single *primitive predicate*. Within that set, we do not need to differentiate meaning. Therefore, in our representation, a frame typically represents a predicate described at an application-specific primitive level and it is likely that more than one predicate in the domain will map into that frame thus being considered essentially synonymous.

4.1.3. The Relation of One Predicate Primitive to Another

Once we have decided what predicate primitives exist in our subdomain, other relationships (besides synonymy) between predicates can be established. For instance, there could be an hierarchy of the predicates where more specific concepts are found under more general concepts. We could thus exploit the inheritance mechanism in a frame system to implement this relationship and others in an efficient way. The ways that predicates should be related to one another depends on the needs dictated by the application.

4.1.4. Improvements Over CASREP Information Formats

The slots of the frames will represent the arguments to the predicate. Because our slots are defined in terms of a relationship to the predicate (semantic role), there will be no difficulties with predicates that take two or more arguments of the same semantic class as was a problem with CASREP patterns. In this situation, each argument although possibly of the same semantic class, is serving in a different semantic role with respect to the predicate. Thus, there will be separate slots to accommodate each of the arguments with no problems created by the fact that two different slots can be filled with arguments into different semantic classes. The semantic class information would be stored as a type restriction on the slot, not as a slot itself as was the case with CASREP patterns.

This representation will not differentiate between predicates taking simple elements as arguments and predicates taking other predicates as arguments. Each argument to a predicate, regardless of its complexity, will be filled into a unique slot. This does not cause any concern because it is the role relationship that is being stressed in this predicate oriented representation, not the logical complexity of the actual argument. This eliminates the problems caused by representing some predicates as formats and others as connectives in the CASREP implementation.

By including the appropriate knowledge in our representation and by choosing a representation which makes the inclusion of that knowledge straight-forward, we have enabled ourselves to define ALL of the necessary predicate frames for any domain. This representation can accommodate some of the information needed in all phases of the understanding process (both syntactic and semantic phases). The lexicon of predicates can be defined in terms of these structures and this structure could be filled in during parsing and then shipped off to the application component for further processing.

So, as an improvement over LSP Information Formatting approach, we have provided a datastructure that can be used during all phases of processing and that demands

all predicate-related information be defined in one place. Collecting this information in one place seems like a anti-climatic benefit, but it is one of the most profound benefits to be gained in this representation. Serious problems of keeping up with all this information in LSP have caused the integrity of the information contained in the LSP system to be compromised. In LSP, predicate type information can be found in at least the lexicon, restrictions, lists, and computed attribute procedures thus making it more difficult to maintain and modify.

While this representation may not be adequate as an ultimate representation for every application, it will at least serve as a good intermediate representation. It is powerful in that everything can be represented and it is versatile in that it is not domain dependent in any way. In the following section, we will discuss how this approach could be combined with a theory of linguistics from which even greater potential benefits might be derived.

4.2. Applying Case Frame Theory

4.2.1. Role Abstractions and Case

Linguists have attempted to isolate a set of abstract roles from which ALL predicates can be defined. They call this level of description the *deep structure*. From a deep structure, linguists hoped to be able to describe a set of transformations that could account (at least) for variations in where certain arguments can appear in surface structures. The set of abstract roles that can be found for all predicates in the world should be language independent and only their manifestation in a particular language would differ. Charles Fillmore is credited with developing this theory which is called **case frame theory**.

Fillmore presented an initial set of role relationships called **cases** in the first famous paper on the topic⁷. In a later paper⁸, he revised that list. Many different researchers including Grimes⁹, Chafe¹⁰ and Schank¹¹ have proposed different sets of cases as those that would suffice to describe deep structure and also a set of transformations on those cases which explains why different predicates order their arguments differently in their surface syntactic manifestation. Unfortunately, no generally accepted set has ever been developed.

4.2.2. The Benefits of Case Theory

Because the case frame is thought to be deep level and language independent, it seems intuitive that the relationship between predicates and their cases would somehow encompass some level of semantic information about the predicate. Therefore, the great hope for a universal theory was further encouraged because this syntactic approach seems to somehow explain a certain level of semantics, as well. Bridging at least some of the gap between syntax and semantics could have significant ramifications on the design of natural language systems. This aspect of case frame theory is what has attracted our attention to case frames.

By "making up" our own roles, we have not precluded the possibility of classifying our made-up roles in terms of the abstract roles. When we created our roles, we were not generating more or less roles than a predicate has, we were just defining the interpretation of those roles in an application specific way. So, assuming that there is such a

thing as a basic set of *cases* (roles) and given enough information about how to identify those cases, we should be able to superimpose the *abstract cases* on our *application-specific cases*.

Given that we can perform this superimposition, we can exploit the current state of research in case theory and define some syntactic transformations which can account for some of the syntactic variability in surface structures. The most important aspect of using case theory is that we can associate these transformational rules with particular *case frames* in a very modular and organized manner. Specific transformational rules can be included in the definition of the predicate's frame. Therefore, once we have identified the predicated element in a syntactic unit, we can quit trying all the possible permutations of its arguments and only try to parse its arguments through the transformations that are part of its definition. At the same time we are trying to discover the syntactic structure, we can use semantic type checking on the candidate arguments in order to rule out bad analyses on semantic grounds.

4.3. The Prototype Knowledge Representation System

The following section includes some samples of what predicates exist in the starting air compressor CASREP domain. These frames were derived by hand but, certainly an attempt to be methodical was made. We believe that these frames would be an improvement over information formats for reasons previously discussed. This set is not to be considered complete or absolute. The process of deriving a good set of frames is a difficult one and depends greatly on the goals of the application. These frames were developed with no particular application in mind, just with an idea of what the major types of information contained in these messages are. Several examples from our test data will be presented with each predicate class to give the reader an idea of what predicates would be members of the class. In the specification of the frame, the first line is the name of the frame, the following lines are the slots of the frame. On each slot line, the first element is the role name. The second element, printed in capital letters, is the semantic class restrictions on arguments filling that slot. Some semantic class restrictions are noun classes but others will be frame names when an predicate can serve as an argument to another predicate. Since we have not developed this representation for a particular application, no knowledge sources are provided to show how to interpret the roles assigned to particular predicates. We did do some guessing based on our experience with the previous TERSE system application and this is reflected in our choice of slot names in the following examples.

BEHAVIOR-FUNC	
mechanical-processor	EQUIP
human-operator	ORG

examples of BEHAVIOR-FUNC predicates

- a4.1.3 *engine jacks over*
- b14.1.2 *starting air compressor engaged*
- b16.1.4 *lube oil pump seized*
- b12.1.1 *engagement of sac*

DAMAGE

damager	EQUIP
damagee	EQUIP

examples of DAMAGE predicates

b17.1.1 *gear housing cracked*
b16.1.5 *driven gear was sheared*
a24.1.1 *wiped bearings*

ATTRIBUTIVE

described *any-noun-or-predicate*

examples of ATTRIBUTIVE predicates

b7.1.11 *the drive shaft was dry*
a25.1.3 *faulty high speed rotating assembly*
a31.1.1b *normal sac lo pressure*

BE-LOC

located	(PIECE MATERIAL PHYSICAL-FEATURE)
location	(EQUIP SUBST)
orientation	??

examples of BE-LOC predicates

a5.1.3 *metal particles (be) in strainer*
b17.1.2 *large crack (be) in gear housing on aft end*

POSSESS

possessor	(EQUIP SUBST)
possessed	(PHYSICAL-FEATURE EQUIP PROPERTY CAPABILITY ATTRIBUTIVE)

examples of POSSESS predicates

srep30 *the drive shaft has a drilled passage*
b14.1.4 *lube oil has burnt odor*
srep18 *s/f does not have capability to t/s further*

CAPABILITY

do-er (EQUIP ORG)
goal *any-goal-oriented-predicate-frame*

examples of CAPABILITY predicates

srep18 *capability to t/s*
a1.1.2 *unable to consistently start nr 1b gas turbine*
b7.1.1 *local monitoring capability*

FAIL

processor (EQUIP ORG PROPERTY)
goal *any-goal-oriented-predicate-frame*

examples of FAIL predicates

a1.1.1 *starting air regulating valve failed*
b13.1.1 *oil pressure failed*
srep8 *sac fails to maintain lube oil pressure*

MAINTAIN

agent (ORG EQUIP)
object PROPERTY
recipient EQUIP

examples of MAINTAIN predicates

srep3 *(unable to) maintain minimum oil pressure*

srep18 *sac (fails to) maintain lube oil pressure*
a5.1.1 *(unable to) maintain lo pressure to sac*

CHANGE-QUANTITY

agent	ORG
object	PROPERTY
total-amount	(QUANT MEASURE-POINT)
starting-point	(QUANT MEASURE-POINT)
ending-point	(QUANT MEASURE-POINT)

examples of CHANGE-QUANTITY predicates

a9.1.2 *lo pressure was dropping*
a21.1.1a *nr 4 sac oil pressure dropped below alarm point of 65 psig*
b7.1.9 *lube oil pressure could not be adjusted above 35 psig*

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